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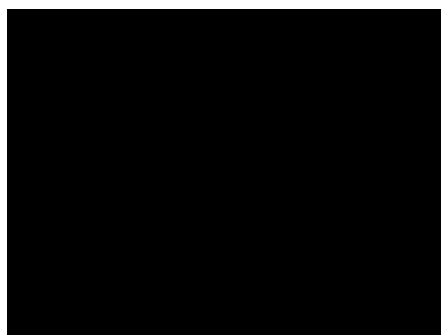
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### **Egyptian Spiny Mice (*Acomys cahirinus cahirinus*)**

Grey in colour, faster and slightly smaller.

### **Arabian Spiny Mice (*Acomys cahirinus dimidiatus*)**

Brown/Tan in colour, slower and slightly bigger.



**Arabian Spiny Mouse**

**Country of Origin:** Africa & Asia

**Diet:** Should consist of crushed oats, wheat & corn also dry hard bread is good, some peanuts and sunflower seeds may be added. They also eat all kinds of fresh vegetables and fruit although take care until they are used to it. Once weekly meat or insects is advisable.

**Social Groupings:** Spiny Mice are communal animals; it is better to keep a small group of 4 or 5 animals in a cage as opposed to a pair. However they will attack each other if the accommodation is too crowded.

**Accommodation:** These animals thrive in heat and an aquarium is more suited to this purpose than a wire cage. They need a temperature of 30 - 40 degrees Celsius. The cage needs bedding/litter at least 10cm deep with toilet rolls in to make burrowing easier, also include nest boxes, wooden sticks and shelves if possible. They will also need lots of hay. Fresh water should be readily available.

**Young:** Young are born more developed than standard mice. They are fully furred at birth and their eyes are open at 2 days old.

<b>Gestation Period</b>	36-38 days
<b>Litter Size</b>	Usually 2 or 3
<b>Weaning Age</b>	5 - 6 weeks
<b>Puberty</b>	6-9 weeks
<b>Adult Weight</b>	50-90g
<b>Oestrus (or season)</b>	
<b>Life Expectancy</b>	4-5 years